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Honorable L. Mendel Rivers, Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Mr. Blandford has requested that I furnish you with information concerning the statement of Representative Adam Clayton Powell on 10 May 1966 that he intends to conduct an inquiry to find out "whether any funds from the Higher Education Act are being perverted to assist the CIA."

I assure you that the Central Intelligence Agency is not aware of or a party to any such perversion.

Sincerely,

Richard Helms
Deputy Director

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